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SUBJECT:MEETING OF THE JOINT COUNCIL: REPORT OF THE
S AND T COMMITTEE

REF: A) STATE 88715, B) MADRID 3259, C) STATE 97130,
D) MADRID 3337

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF S AND T COMMITTEE REPORT TO JOINT
COUNCIL.

2. BEGIN TEXT: REPORT TO THE U.S.-SPANISH COUNCIL
-- FROM THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON
-- SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERA-
TION HELD AN INFORMAL MEETING IN MADRID DURING OCTOBER 1976.
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AS A RESULT OF THAT MEETING AGREEMENT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY
REACHED ON COMMITTEE RULES OF PROCEDURE; THE CATEGORIES OF
ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD COMPRISE THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
PROGRAM; AND SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON A NUMBER
OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL PROCEDURES. SUBSEQUENT
WORKING LEVEL DISCUSSIONS FURTHER CLARIFIED THE REMAINING
PROCEDURAL ISSUES AND SOUGHT TO POINT THE WAY FOR THEIR

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RESOLUTION.
-- FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS TECHNICAL PERSONEL OF US AND SPANISH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING PLANS FOR COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES; IN SOME CASES THESE PLANS ARE WELL ADVANCED AND WILL SHORTLY BE READY FOR JOINT COMMITTEE ACTION.

-- THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE HAS HELD TEN MEETINGS SINCE OCTOBER 1976 WITH THE OBJECT OF FINDING THE BEST WAY TO LAUNCH THE PROGRAM OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. AN ADDITIONAL MEETING OF THE SPANISH SIDE IS PLANNED FOR THE 10TH OF MAY, TO STUDY IN DETAIL THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

-- AS A RESULT OF THE PROGRESS MADE TO DATE, A FORMAL MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 16, 1977. AT THAT MEETING IT IS EXPECTED THAT STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO APPROVE THE PREPARATION OF FINAL PLANS FOR CERTAIN COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES WHICH CAN THEN BEGIN TO BE FUNDED AND IMPLEMENTED. IT IS ALSO EXPECTED THAT AN INITIAL ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES WILL BE MADE.

-- THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF RECEIVING PROPOSALS FROM THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES TO BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE S AND T PROGRAM. THE DEADLINE FOR SUCH PROPOSALS IS JUNE 30, 1977, AFTER WHICH ADDITIONAL PROJECTS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE JOINT
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COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL AND FUNDING. END TEXT.

3. ABOVE REFLECTS CHANGES PROPOSED BY EMBASSY IN REF D. UNLESS SPANISH PROPOSE FURTHER CHANGES, THIS IS TO BE CONSIDERED FINAL ENGLISH TEXT.
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